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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(b) and 1.98, attached hereto are two forms PTO-1449 listing the twenty references which were cited by or submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in prior application Serial 09/043,534 filed on March 20, 1998, the parent application of the present continuation application. The parent application is a national stage application under 35 USC 371 of international application No. PCT/JP95/01886 filed on September 20, 1995.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(d), copies of these twenty references are not being provided with this Information Disclosure Statement because the references were previously cited by or submitted to the Office in the prior application identified above and the prior application is being relied

upon in the present application for an earlier filing date under 35 USC 120 as required by 37 CFR 1.98(d)(1), and the references which were submitted to the Office in the prior application were submitted in compliance with the version of 37 CFR 1.98(a)-(c) in effect as of the filing date of this Information Disclosure Statement as required by 37 CFR 1.98(d)(2).

Japanese references 56-91290, 63-289588, 63-304294, 2-246481, 4-134419, 5-297841, and 7-123183 were cited in an international search report in the Japanese and English languages mailed on December 26, 1995, in connection with international application No. PCT/JP95/01886 identified above. Copies of these Japanese references and the international search report were provided to the Office by the International Bureau of WIPO in the parent application.

The two Journal of the Institute of Electronics, Information and Communication Engineers of Japan references are cited on pages 2-3 of the specification.

U.S. Patent No. 5,289,173 is a U.S. counterpart of Japanese reference 4-134419.

U.S. Patent No. 5,546,104 is a U.S. counterpart of European reference 0 655 725.

U.S. Patent Nos. 4,774,506 and 5,598,565 and European references 0 655 725 and 0 725 380 were cited in a European search report in the English language mailed on October 28, 1998, in connection with a European counterpart of the parent

application. A copy of the European search report was submitted to the Office in the parent application.

Japanese references 56-91290, 63-289588, 63-304294, 2-246481, 4-134419, 5-199328, 5-297841, and 7-123183 and the two Journal of the Institute of Electronics, Information and Communication Engineers of Japan references are not in the English language.

The concise explanation of the relevance of Japanese references 56-91290, 63-289588, and 63-304294 required by 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3)(i) is provided by the discussion of these references in the English language version of the international search report.

The concise explanation of the relevance of Japanese references 2-246481, 5-297841, and 7-123183 required by 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3)(i) is provided by English abstracts of these references which were submitted to the Office in the parent application, and by the discussion of these references in the English language version of the international search report.

The concise explanation of the relevance of Japanese reference 4-134419 required by 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3)(i) is provided by U.S. Patent No. 5,289,173 which is a U.S. counterpart of this reference; by an English abstract of this reference which was submitted to the Office in the parent application; and by the discussion of this reference in the English language version of the international search report.

The concise explanation of the relevance of the two Journal of the Institute of Electronics, Information and

Communication Engineers of Japan references required by 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3)(i) is provided by the discussion of these references on pages 2-3 of the specification as permitted by the last sentence of 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3)(i).

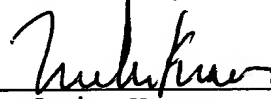
Japanese reference 5-199328 was cited by the Office in the parent application, and accordingly it is considered unnecessary for the applicants to provide a concise explanation of the relevance of this reference as required by 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3)(i). However, the concise explanation of the relevance of this reference required by 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3)(i) is provided by an English abstract of this reference which was provided by the Office in the parent application.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(b)(1), this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted within three months of the filing date of the above-identified national application.

It is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be considered.

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